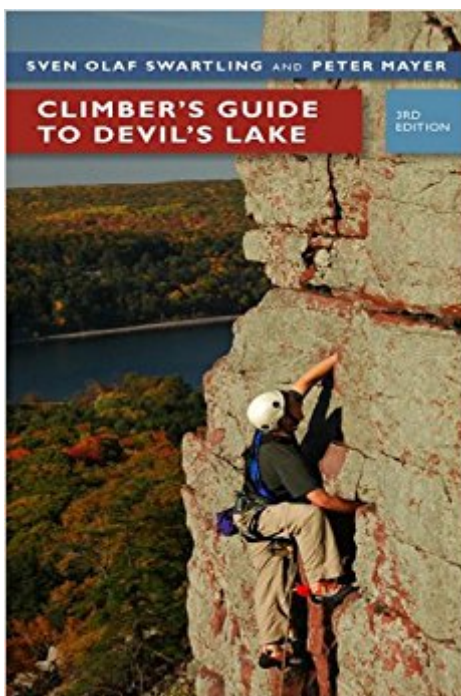


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Climber's Guide To Devil's Lake



Synopsis

Devil's Lake State Park in Wisconsin is the most popular rock-climbing area in the Midwest. It features spectacular cliffs and other rock formations where the Ice Age glacier's terminal moraine meets an ancient landscape of rock. This third edition of the popular Climber's Guide to Devil's Lake has been thoroughly updated for twenty-first-century climbers and hikers and includes information for use with GPS receivers. It provides information for climbers of all abilities and preferences, offering precise directions to help them navigate and climb within the park. Features include: an updated introduction by George J. Pokorny and new photographs by Eric Andre; a summary of the geologic and natural history of the Baraboo hills by Patricia K. Armstrong; locations and updated descriptions of nearly 1,800 climbs; landmark photographs from most major climbing areas; GPS waypoints, map coordinates, altimeter readings, and approach information; detailed diagrams locating climbing routes at most major climbing areas; 6 new diagrams, 5 new climbing areas, and 120 new routes

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"Climbers will appreciate the extra route photography and GPS navigational information."

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"Anything and everything you might want to know about conquering the bluffs at Devil's Lake."
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Sven Olof Swartling and Pete Mayer are avid climbers and members of the Chicago Mountaineering Club. Swartling lives in Middleton, Wisconsin, and has climbed at Devil's Lake for more than fifty years. Mayer is an engineer who lives in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and brings his technological expertise to this edition.

The cover/photo of this book corresponds to the newest 2008, 3rd edition. When I received the 1995, 2nd edition, I was quite disappointed since I know the 3rd edition has an extra 100 pages, adding a vast array of the newest routes and better pictures. Be warned, this isn't the newest edition.

There is a lot of information packed into this paperback, especially compared to earlier versions by the same author. I like the addition of GPS waypoints for the climbing areas, which are of particular value when the approach directions are brief. It is a great value for only \$20, but honestly I wish there were a spiral-bound edition which I'd be willing to pay a lot more for. This fat paperback with a stiff binding won't stay open unless you hold it with both hands or put a big rock on it. It is fairly well illustrated but there is room for improvement there too, some of the drawings are too tiny to pick out much detail, probably again a function of the cheap publishing format. I also wish more information were given on each of the climbs, like how tall the climb is, and whether it is a walk-off or a rap down. There is also little info telling how long or difficult the various approaches are. Maybe I'm spoiled by some other well written guidebooks that I use. But this is a very valuable guide in any case, and certainly a must have for anyone going climbing at Devils Lake.

This is THE guidebook for the Lake. Conversational tone describes the routes, a beautiful foreword that puts the vast history and splendid geology of the Lake area in layman's terms, and a plentiful bounty of routes listed. Though it would be wonderful to have more maps giving visual directions to the walls for those new to the area, many walls have a black-and-white photo of the wall and map coordinates given in the book. For a good visual supplement before your trip, there's the Hoofers Mountaineering website to help get you to some of the walls. It's not a glossy Colorado guide book with full-color images that are half photo-essay, and it feels more "down-home" because of it. The book is a great friend, and I hope you spend many evenings thumbing through it, thinking about your next project!

My husband really wanted this book as he visits pretty regularly to Devils Lake to climb. The book is NOT the 3rd edition like its states in the photo! It is the 2nd edition. So if that is important to you, be

careful! That being said, he still loves this book. He hasn't gotten to use it yet (just reading it), but I'm sure it will come in handy for him on his next climbing trip. He was still pretty excited to receive it.

I was expecting the 3rd edition based on the picture, but received the 2nd edition. Make sure that you are ordering the edition that you want. The 2nd still contains most of the same information, just a few less pictures.

We found a sweet little trail that otherwise we would have missed. This is a must-buy for climbing the Devil's Lake area.

This is THE book to get if you are going to Devils Lake to do some climbing. It has good descriptions of how to get to the major climbing areas and diagrams of different routes in each location with difficulty ratings.

It was edition 2 even though the picture shows edition 3. I don't want to bother returning it, I'll give it to someone.

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